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Mr. Lester Snow, Director  
Department of Water Resources  
State of California  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: South Delta Improvements Program**

Dear Director Snow:

On behalf of the Industrial Environmental Association, I am writing to express our organization's support for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP), a critical water supply, water quality and environmental project designed to meet California's diverse water needs. This November, DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released a draft Environmental Impact Rept/Statement (EIR/S) for SDIP, kicking off an important public review and comment process.

The membership of our association represents a diverse industrial base in Southern California, and a cost-effective and reliable water supply is critical to their current and future operations.

With limited water supplies in our state, we feel it is important to better use our existing water resources and infrastructure, or otherwise, risk our economic growth. We need to ensure the Delta's water delivery system is managed efficiently.

In 2000, the state and federal governments initiated the historic CALFED Bay-Delta Program to manage the Bay-Delta's water resources and ecosystem. A unique collaboration of interests supported the plan including environmental organizations, water agencies, business interests, farmers and state and federal water and fish agencies. SDIP is the next major step forward in this long-term planning effort for the Bay Delta.

After review of the plan, it is our position that it will improve our state's water supply reliability, water quality and the overall health of the Bay-Delta ecosystem. This new plan will provide the flexibility to operate the system of pumps to allow for the maximum delivery of water supply while at the same time improving environmental safeguards.

We believe the SDIP is critical to California's future and urge this project be moved expeditiously forward.

Sincerely,

Patti Krebs  
Executive Director

cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Mr. Ryan Brodderick, California Fish & Game  
Mr. Mike Chrisman, Secretary, California Resources Agency  
Mr. Joe Grindstaff, Director, California Bay-Delta Authority  
Mr. Kirk Rodgers, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Mr. Dan Skopec, Office of the Governor  
Mr. Terry Tamminen, Office of the Governor

